

NEW INVENTION GIVES FRENCH GUNNERS GREATER ACCURACY

(By Associated Press)

FRENCH FRONT, April 10.—Accuracy and efficiency have been made possible for the French artillery by the invention of an instrument that enable French map-makers to locate almost exactly an object within the enemy lines which has been photographed from an airplane. In transferring to a map the photographed object, such as, an enemy battery or munition dump, the margin of error is limited to less than five yards.

This permits the French artillery to pour its shells with almost certain aim on to German gun emplacements, trench positions, cross-roads, communications, railroad lines, aviation camps and other enemy organizations. It is unnecessary for the gunner to have even a distant view of the object; he is firing at.

To take a photograph of the enemy lines from a French airplane is an easy matter but to transfer the objects photographed to their exact location on a map was for a time

extremely difficult. This was due to the varying heights and angles from which the airplane observers made their photographs. By the invention of one of the officers attached to the geographical section this difficulty has been almost eliminated.

Not only the aerial observation service but other methods of spotting German positions—more especially cannon and machine gun emplacements—are utilized as aids to the work of the military map-maker. The flashes of guns as they are fired from the German side form one valuable adjunct to his work but the most important of all is the calculation of the speed of the sound of the firing charge of the German shells. This has been brought to a basis of such perfection that the guns can now be located with almost absolute accuracy. In fact in recent operations it has proved that the system of observation by sound has given successful results in over 80 per cent of instances.

In every army there is a branch

of the geographical section and each is furnished with a complete lithographic and zino-graphic printing plant and skilled workers, photographers and mathematicians. In a very few hours after the receipt of the day's observations from all the various sources, dozens of copies of the corrected maps are ready for issue to all the staffs of corps, divisions and brigades comprised within the army concerned.

Nothing is omitted from the maps—every church, house, chimney, mill, bridge, road, railroad, group of trees is marked as well as every turn and twist of an enemy trench or system of barbed wire entanglements, every stream, ditch, bridge, ford, every path used by supply parties, every point of resistance, organized shell crater, look-out post is shown on the maps. Maps on a very large scale are given when an attack is about to be carried out, so that each officer and man participating may know exactly what is in front of him and what he may expect to encounter during his advance.

MORALE AND MORALS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS IS AN HONOR TO COUNTRY

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 10.—"Ten weeks spent in the war zone convinces me that the morale and morals of the American soldier in France are in full accord with the finest traditions of American arms and a credit to the social and religious standards of American society," said Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Boston, associate president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. In an interview with the Associated Press on his arrival on his way to America.

"My investigations," he said, "carried me into every American landing port in France, into rest camps and training camps, and for ten days I was practically in our front line, including two nights and three days in a front-line dugout. I was right with our men all the time. I messed with them, slept with them and experienced two barrages with them."

"My whole experience convinced me that the administration of our war activities in France is amazingly efficient. Our railroads, our camps, our food, our water supply, and our rapidly increasing military equipment are miracles of swift and thorough achievement."

"In the business of keeping our soldiers physically and morally fit, the program of our military authorities is the most comprehensive and aggressive ever laid out by a nation at war. The stories of wholesale drunkenness and vice circulated in some quarters at home concerning the American expeditionary force were false. While some men and groups of men have committed grave excesses and shamed their uniforms, the small number of those in proportion to the total number under arms

is a source of gratification and pride to every citizen who believes in the moral soundness of American society. My own investigations substantiate the figures already made public by the army medical department, which prove that the American soldier in France is living on a higher moral plane than the moral plane of American civilian life. General Pershing and his associates deserve not a resolution of inquiry and censure but a vote of confidence and the assurance of the nation's wholehearted co-operation and support."

"The work of the Young Men's Christian Association in the American army zone cannot fail to receive the enthusiastic commendation of every visitor. The organization's many-sided work makes it the mightiest constructive agency of its kind in Europe."

AGREE TO LIMIT DEBATE ON SEDITION

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 10.—An agreement to limit debate on the sedition bill beginning today was reached late yesterday in the senate after another day of bitter discussion and the adoption of amendments meeting objections of some opponents.

By unanimous consent it was decided to invoke the rule restricting speeches to ten minutes on the bill and five minutes on amendments after 3 o'clock this afternoon. An agreement to fix a definite time for a final vote could not be secured, but administration leaders hoped for passage of the measure late today or tomorrow.

COULD HAVE SAVED BOATS

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 10.—J. W. Isherwood, naval architect, told a Daily Express representative recently that "Fifty per cent of the merchant ships sunk by U-boats could have been saved if they had been built with bulkheads in the proportion of about one for every forty feet of their length." "It is quite an easy matter," he said, "to build a ship which cannot be sunk by one torpedo and, as a rule, that is sufficient to sink the ships of the mercantile marine today. I maintain that if the Glenart Castle had been fitted with ten instead of six watertight compartments she would have remained afloat. The same applies to practically all ships that have gone down as a result of one torpedo."

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WILL SEND SOLDIERS TO NATIONAL PARKS

(By Associated Press)

DENVER, April 10.—Recognizing that war efficiency demands a certain amount of recuperation the national park service of the department of the interior is planning the utmost use of the national parks of the country by persons fated with war work. Facilities are being developed for the care of numerous visitors following the formal announcement that the federal parks will be opened for the 1918 season May 1.

President Wilson, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane and other government officials have announced that the people of the nation are to be afforded opportunity to keep their strength up to par efficiency, recognizing the principle that a tired or worn-out individual is unconsciously apt to become a slacker. The railroads are co-operating with the announcement of reduced round trip summer rates to the western national parks, effective June 1, with final return limit October 31.

FIND COAL IN ARCTIC

(By Associated Press)

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 10.—Coal deposits have been discovered in the far northern Arctic regions by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, who is now wintering in the frozen north, according to a letter he wrote to a Mr. Johansen of the geological survey at Ottawa, a copy of which has been received here.

Stefansson, in the letter, told of his plans to return to the outside world in the fall of 1918 and then go north again at the head of a new expedition in 1920. Stefansson has been exploring Arctic regions since 1913 when he was sent north by the Canadian government.

REVISE PRIORITY LIST

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The industries board has issued a revised priority list under which industries will get coal and railway transportation. It precludes preferential treatment of any plant that doesn't have a substantial percentage of products of exceptional importance.

PASS MAN-POWER BILL

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 10.—Leave to introduce the government's man-power bill was carried in the house of commons last night by 299 to 80.

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AMERICAN U-BOATS CROSS THE OCEAN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 10.—In the face of bitter winter gales, American submarines, primarily designed for operations off the home coasts, have crossed the Atlantic to engage in the common fight against German U-boats. They are now aiding allied naval forces as American destroyers and American naval airmen, and they have been in the war zone for some months.

Secretary Daniels revealed the fact that submarines had gone "over there" in his address at Cleveland last Saturday at a Liberty loan celebration, but gave no details. It is now possible, however, to tell for the first time of the mid-winter passage of the boats across the seas in the face of the most severe weather known in years. In the perilous passages, the best traditions of the service have been maintained.

FEDERAL AGENTS TO SUPPRESS SEDITION

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Federal co-operation in suppressing disloyalty and disorder in Illinois was promised yesterday by Attorney General Gregory in response to a request from Governor Lowden. Special agents of the department of justice will be assigned to advise with state officials and aid in investigations.

In announcing the attorney general's decision, department officials let it be known that he was prepared to lend similar assistance to other states desiring it. Without new legislation, officials say they are almost powerless to deal with disloyal utterances, the suppression of which they think is essential to the prevention of disorders, but the federal agents are expected to accomplish something in co-operation with state authorities.

SAMMIES ARRIVE

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 10.—American reinforcements have appeared in the British zone, says Reuters correspondent. Their presence in the fighting line should soon be felt.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Senator Stone was stricken with paralysis in a street car today. His left side is affected. His condition is serious but not critical.

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